

House Commerce Committee Amendment

Amendment No. 1 to HB0875

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by deleting the bill in its entirety and substituting the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 10, is amended by adding the following as a new section to be appropriately designated:

Section 56-7-10__.

(a) For the purposes of the Section, "Health Insurance Carrier" means any entity subject to the insurance laws and regulations of this state, or subject to the jurisdiction of the commissioner of commerce and insurance, that contracts with physicians in connection with a plan of health insurance, health benefits, or health services.

(b) Health insurance carriers shall provide to a physician or hospital, when contracting with the physician or hospital, payment or fee schedules or other information sufficient to enable the physician or hospital to determine the manner and exact amount of payments under the contract for the physician's or hospital's services prior to final execution of the contract. Any subsequent amendment to such payment or fee schedules shall be provided to the participating physician or hospital prior to the effective date of the amendment.

(c) Nothing in this section shall preclude a health insurance carrier from changing the terms of the contract with the physician or hospital after the contract is finalized.

SECTION 2. If any provisions of this enactment or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or

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applications of the enactment which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this enactment are declared to be severable.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and shall apply to all contracts, or contract renewals, entered into on or after July 1, 2001.